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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIET VIEWS ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS IN
COMMITTEE II

PROGRESS OF CONFERENCE DISCUSSED WITH POJARSKI WHO IS
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN COMMITTEE II (ECONOMIC, TRADE, SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT) DURING LUNCH OCT 8 WITH KOVNER
AND TARTTER. POJARSKI SEEMED RELAXED AND SATISFIED ABOUT PACE
AND SHAPE DISCUSSIONS TAKING, EVEN THOUGH ONLY TWO SUBSTANTIVE
SESSIONS HELD SO FAR OF COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES SUBCOMMITTEE AND
ONE SESSION OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION SUBCOMMITTEE. POJARSKI
TERMED BRIEF GENERAL REMARKS IN COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMITTEE BY US
REP (HEALY) AS SIGNIFICANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE.
HIS COMMENTS ON VARIOUS CSCE MATTERS FOLLOW:

1. TIMING AND PROGRAM: SPEAKING OF COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES
SUBCOMMITTEE, POJARSKI NOTED THERE WERE ABOUT SEVEN SEPARATE
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ELEMENTS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE INITIAL ROUND WITH

ROUGHLY TWO SESSIONS TO BE DEVOTED TO EACH. SINCE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD MEET THREE TIMES A WEEK, THIS MEANT A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH OF GENERAL DISCUSSION, WHEREUPON HE HOPED WORK COULD SHIFT TO DRAFTING RECOMMENDATIONS. HE DID NOT OBJECT WHEN US SIDE SAID A DISCUSSION OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS OUGHT TO PRECEDE DRAFTING OF CONCLUSIONS. POJARSKI GAVE LIP SERVICE TO SOVIET GOAL OF FINAL CONFERENCE BEFORE END OF YEAR, BUT MADE EVIDENT HE REALISTICALLY EXPECTED PHASE II TO CONTINUE WELL INTO 1974.

2. FINAL RESULTS: POJARSKI SAID USSR OF COURSE SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL TABLED AT HELSINKI BY GDR AND HUNGARY ON BASKET II. (CSCE/1/7). US REPS NOTED WEST EUROPEANS WOULD INSIST ON MUCH MORE CONCRETE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS. SAID US FELL SOMEWHAT BETWEEN ALTHOUGH LEANING TO SIDE OF EXPLICIT FORMULATIONS RATHER THAN BROAD PRINCIPLES. POJARSKI PROFESSED TO BE OPEN TO PROPOSALS ON THIS SCORE, BUT URGED GDR/HUNGARIAN PAPER BE EXAMINED IN DETAIL FOR POSITIVE FEATURES CONTAINED THEREIN.

3. COMMUNITY ROLE. POJARSKI GAVE IMPRESSION HE WAS WELL INFORMED ON DELIBERATIONS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CAUCUS. HE COMPLAINED MILDLY THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE PROVING DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE WITH BECAUSE THEY HAD SUCH A HARD TIME REACHING INTERNAL AGREEMENT WHICH, ONCE ACHIEVED, WAS NOT OPEN TO COMPROMISE. RE SKIRMISH OVER LISTING OF EC REPS UNDER DANISH DELEGATION (GENEVA 5292), HE SAID SOVIETS THOUGHT THEY HAD OFFERED DANES A REASONABLE COMPROMISE OF LISTING OF EC REPS IN CONFERENCE DIRECTORIES WITHOUT SEPARATION FROM DANISH NAMES, INCLUDING THEIR TITLES, BUT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO EC AFFILIATION. POJARSKI CLAIMED TO HAVE ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF EC REP'S PLANS TO ENTER DEBATE, BUT DECLINED TO INDICATE WHETHER COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO SNIPE AT EC PARTICIPATION OR ALLOW ISSUE TO SUBSIDE.

4. CEMA: POJARSKI RECOGNIZED DIFFERENCE IN CHARACTER OF "SUPRANATIONAL" COMMUNITY AND "MULTINATIONAL" CEMA BUT CLAIMED THIS NOT AN OBSTACLE TO CEMA BEING REPRESENTED IF THIS FOUND DISIRABLE. WAS NOT INCONCEIVABLE, HE SAID, THAT SOME SPOKESMAN, E.G. CEMA SECRETARY GENERAL, COULD BE GIVEN BRIEF REPRESENTING CONSENSUS OF MEMBER STATES' VIEWS. IN SAME HYPOTHETICAL VEIN, US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPS ASKED WHERE CEMA REP WOULD SIT, POJARSKI SAID IT WOULD BE WITH BULGARIAN DELEGATION SINCE BULGARIANS CURRENTLY IN CHAIR AT CEMA.

5. IDENTICAL COOPERATION: POJARSKI REITERATED SOVIET INTEREST IN PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST (PARA 35 OF HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS) WHICH HE DISTINGUISHED FROM INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION PROJECTS BECAUSE OF THEIR LARGE SCALE AND THE NEED FOR DIRECT

GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT. HE DID NOT GIVE CLEAR INDICATION OF HOW SERIOUSLY SOVIETS WOULD PRESS FOR FIRM COMMITMENTS IN THIS AREA.

6. MFN: POJARSKI SAID EAST COULD BE EXPECTED TO BRING UP MFN ISSUE DURING NEXT MEETING OF COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMITTEE OCT 10, BOTH WITH RESPECT TO US "DISCRIMINATION" AND EUROPEAN QUOTAS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED LIMITED TRADE SIGNIFICANCE OF MFN TARIFFS IN NEAR TERM, BUT MENTIONED PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PRESTIGE FACTORS, AS WELL AS POINT THAT WEST EUROPEANS FIND IT EASIER TO RATIONALIZE QUOTAS AS LONG AS US WITHHOLDS MFN.BASSIN

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